

REMARKS***Summary of the Amendment***

Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 1, 7, 8, and 18 will have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1 – 20 currently remain pending.

Summary of the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment

In the instant Notice, the Examiner has required that the “*Amendments to the Claims*” section of Applicants’ April 24, 2009 Amendment Under 1.112 be corrected to identify the correct status of claim 20 as “previously presented.” By the present amendment, Applicants submit the requested section that includes a *Listing of Claims* identifying the status of all claims 1 – 20.

Accordingly, Applicants request the Examiner consider the amended claims and the arguments presented on April 24, 2009, withdraw the pending rejections, and indicate the allowability of the instant application and the pending claims.

Authorization to Charge Deposit Account

The undersigned authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, including any extensions of time fees required to place the application in condition for allowance by Examiner’s Amendment, to Deposit Account No. 09 – 0456 in order to maintain pendency of this application.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that none of the references of record, either taken alone or in any proper combination thereof, anticipate or render obvious the Applicant’s invention, as recited in each of claims 1 – 20. The claims have been amended in an effort to

clarify the features of the invention, and the distinguishing features of the invention have been noted with reference to the deficiencies in the applied documents of record.

Further, any amendments to the claims which have been made in this response and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application and all the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

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